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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Colston Clippings.

Colston, May 15.—The Colston school children are all rejoicing for their vacation will soon begin, as they have only a couple more days for school work. The public is invited to attend the exercises Friday night, May 19th, at Colston school. The exercises will begin promptly at eight o'clock.

Miss Evelyn Kirkland, of Colston, is spending a few days with friends at Bamberg.

The Colston base ball team was defeated by Govan last Saturday afternoon, the score being 18 to 12 in favor of Govan.

Mr. John G. Clayton, who has been in the hospital at Columbia for several days, returned home Sunday morning. He is now regaining his strength.

Miss Alma Fender and Messrs. Leroy Peters and Ernest Hiers motored to Springfield Sunday.

Messrs. Barbot and Calvin McMillan spent the day with Mr. Talbert Padgett Sunday.

Miss Nelle Clayton returned home Monday from Greenwood, where she has been teaching for the past term.

Messrs. Jesse Rentz and Lewie Zeigler spent the week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. Marvin Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kearse visited in the Buford's Bridge section last Saturday and Sunday.

There was a large crowd out to Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, May 16.—Our school will have its closing exercises next Monday and Tuesday nights, May 22 and 23rd. The school has been taught this year by S. C. Payzinger, principal; Miss Ruth Shuler, Miss Ora Bigby and Mrs. E. D. Grant. The public is cordially invited to attend the closing exercises.

Mrs. H. J. Hiers and little daughter have returned from an extended visit to her parents at Hopkins.

Mrs. A. F. Henderson is visiting friends at Midland Park, near Charleston.

Mrs. John H. Hucks is at Fairfax at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. D. B. Groseclose, who has been sick for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hughes, Mr. G. J. Hiers, Mr. M. O. Kinard, Mr. M. A. Kinard, and Mr. Elzey Copeland left Sunday to attend the reunion of Confederate veterans at Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Harry Ehrhardt has been employed by Mr. C. E. Kinsey to manage his grocery business. We wish him much success in his new field of labor.

Mr. M. Leinwand returned yesterday from a visit to relatives at Branchville.

Mrs. J. L. Copeland and sister, Miss Maude Farrell, returned yesterday from a visit to relatives at Fort Motte, S. C.

Miss Lalla Salley and Mr. Dick Addison returned yesterday from an auto trip to Columbia. Miss Salley went to visit her sister at Columbia college. They report quite a delightful trip.

Cope Cullings.

Cope, May 15.—The 1915-16 term of the Cope graded school will come to a close on Friday next, when in the evening appropriate closing exercises will be held upstairs in the large auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Neither Mr. and Mrs. Stewart nor Miss Hill will return next session, and the board has already elected a new corps of teachers for the next term.

Mr. J. Herbert Hayden conducted the usual Sunday night prayer service at the Baptist church last night.

Rev. Joe L. Hiers preached a very interesting sermon to his congregation at the Baptist church yesterday morning.

Miss Berta Hill, a teacher in the Cope graded school, spent the week-end at Bamberg as the guest of Mrs. L. E. Livingston and Mrs. Ida Schwartz.

The cloudy weather and light rains are gladly welcomed, as the gardens were almost destroyed, and the housekeepers sick of the dust. The farmers are rushing every available team, hauling in quantities of

DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Second Fatality Within Week in Laurens County.

Laurens, May 14.—The second death from hydrophobia to occur in Laurens within the week is reported from the vicinity of Cold Point, where a three-year-old negro child has died of rabies. The child was bitten about four weeks ago, and it was under treatment for more than three weeks by local physicians. As in the case of the little Strickland lad, who died Tuesday, this second victim was frightfully bitten about the face and hands. At the same time the child was attacked the father, in attempting to beat off the dog, was badly bitten on the hands.

As a result of these fatalities, Laurens county is going to have several hundreds dogs less than in many a day. In fact, the slaughter has been going on for three or four weeks, and it will continue for some time or at least until the loafing class is dispatched.

Oats that were cut during the past week. They, of course, were willing for the rain to hold off a day or two yet, but "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

All cotton that is up is looking fine; is clean and nearly all chopped to a stand. Corn is too young to suffer as yet and is also looking fine, but there is lots of cotton planted, and not up for lack of moisture. Unless we get more rain, there will not be much of a change, as the little that has fallen so far will soon have vanished.

Chief Wilson has started a little zoo. He has two pretty young foxes and has the promise of a young bear and a coon, and he will add to it from time to time.

A Letter From "Occasional."

Olar, May 15.—We are told that "it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good;" so, although it is dry and dusty, it is a nice time to gather grain.

As your old time correspondent, "Old Timer," has been out west to "view the land scape o'er," we hope he will write it up. We are too busy to go to see him, and we want to hear something that is not any kin to war news.

The fishermen keep themselves busy, and if we were to write what we know about some of their catches, some people would think it was a "fish story," so we abstain from it.

Since writing the above Mr. J. O. Ritter dropped in on me and said, "I went a fishing in the swamp yesterday and caught 11 jack fish, with live bait, from under one tree, and didn't move my feet two feet from where I caught the first fish. I then went on down the banks, and came across a moccasin on the bank with a big cat fish in his mouth. I killed the snake, and rolled the fish back in the water, and it may not be stopped running yet." I read the first part of this letter to Mr. Ritter and told him I was going to write what he said, although I had not intended to write on the fish subject at all.

Just then the sheriff from your town with four deputies came along and arrested me. They took me down the river to a place where that indefatigable piscatorial artist, Willie Best, was surrounded, N., E., S. and W., by fish, and now how can we write on any other subject, when even to the snakes go a-fishing?

Just a word in parenthesis now. (Isn't it best to take something along that is good for snake bites?) And yet man is insatiable. Some of our young men go away down the country to a place called Nigger Lake, where they catch even more than they do up here. And now in the quietude of the night, sitting here alone, I feel that I voice the sentiments of the crowd that was with me today when I say, "No, I thank you, not any more fish for me at present," and I drop the subject.

The crops at present remind me of a little girl. They are too little and young to introduce into society; yet, perhaps, when they get older—I mean the crops—I may say more about them. And if they ever grow any prettier—I mean the girls—I will say something about them.

The most of our farmers have good stands and the crops have a long time to make yet; and I take an optimistic view of the situation and feel cheerful.

A gentleman being asked his age replied: "If the years of my life were doubled, and two-thirds of the product divided by 2, the result would be equal to 46." What was his age? OCCASIONAL.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Greenwood's coast artillery company, 67 storh has been mustered into the militia service.

The South Carolina naval militia will go on a cruise on the torpedo boat Lamson, July 15 to 29.

B. C. McIver has been reelected superintendent of the Cheraw schools for the 23rd consecutive year.

Robert Quillen, well known editor of the Fountain Inn Tribune, has purchased the Woodruff Record.

Brantley Burroughs, a 13-year-old boy of Conway, was drowned in the Waccamaw river near Conway while swimming last Thursday.

Wyatt Aiken, congressman from the third South Carolina district, is ill in Washington, suffering with a mild case of blood poisoning.

Companies E and K, second regiment, N. G. S. C., located at Columbia and Elloree, have been mustered out of the service for inefficiency.

Duff Mills, a negro of Spartanburg, was shot and instantly killed in that city Wednesday night by Constable M. S. Turner, while he was resisting arrest.

Sparks from a passing freight train ignited 150 bales of cotton on the depot platform at Johnston, Wed-

SITUATION IN ERIN OMINOUS.

Punishment of Rebels Caused Reaction of Sympathy Among People.

London, May 11.—The most dangerous factor in the Irish situation, namely, that the punishment of the rebels would cause a reaction of sympathy among the warm-hearted and emotional people appears to be fast materializing.

John Dillon, one of the most respected of the Nationalists, but often one of the bitterest antagonists of British rule, attacked the government today in the house of commons in a speech which, for bitter denunciation, has not been surpassed at Westminster since Parnell's days.

Premier Asquith has personally stepped into the breach and is taking the unprecedented course of journeying to Dublin to investigate the situation and doubtless to give instructions to Gen. Maxwell regarding the policy which the military government must pursue, now that the chief civil administrators, Lord Wimborne, Augustine Birrell and Sir Matthew Nathan, have retired from office. The premier left here tonight by the Irish Mail train on his way to that city.

Mr. Asquith once before took the reins in his own hands at a crisis by assuming the secretaryship of war when the threatened Ulster revolt in 1914 caused the resignation of Col. Seely.

Playing Conciliator.

The prime minister's finest powers have been displayed in playing the part of a conciliator and he now has a task which is likely to demand their utmost exercise. He announced

INTERFERENCE WITH MAIL

WILSON WILL INSIST ENGLAND MUST STOP.

Satisfactory Adjustment With Great Britain Must Be Made by United States.

Washington, May 15.—Negotiations with Great Britain regarding interference with mails to and from the United States and interruption of neutral commerce by the British fleet are to be resumed in the very near future. A note insisting sharply upon modifications in the treatment of mails already is being prepared at the State department, and as soon as possible work will be begun on a reply to the last British note defending the operation of the blockade orders in council.

Secretary Lansing let it be known last week that the implied change in the German note on submarine warfare expressing confidence that the United States would hold Great Britain to compliance with international law had made it difficult to proceed with the British negotiations. He said today, however, that these negotiations would be continued promptly in spite of the embarrassing situation. The note now being prepared reiterates the original protest of the United States against the detention and interference with American mails. The reply of Great Britain, received several weeks ago, is considered unsatisfactory to President Wilson. It is understood that the new demand will be more decided in its language than the first.

A phase of interference with mails, which would be made the subject of special protest, is the custom of taking neutral ships into British ports for inspection and then removing the mails, and sometimes subjecting them to long delays.

The refusal of Great Britain to allow hospital supplies to be sent by the American Red Cross to Germany and her allies still is being carefully investigated at the State department, and a protest on this subject is expected to go forward in the near future.

DEATH FROM BURNS.

Mrs. Eliza Shealy Loses Life in Flames.

Lexington, May 14.—Mrs. Eliza Shealy, widow of the late John Shealy, met a horrible death Tuesday at her home about a mile south of Summit, when her clothing caught fire from a pipe which she was smoking or which she was about to light with a match. Mrs. Shealy, 86 years of age, and Miss Katherine Alewine, about the same age, lived together in their little home.

Mrs. Shealy is survived by four children—three daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. W. L. Rawl, of Batesburg, Mrs. J. A. Slight, of Summit, Mrs. Ellen Steele, of Brookland, and Samuel Shealy, of near Summit.

The remains were laid to rest Wednesday in the family burying ground near Summit.

roving commission to carry out "these horrible executions."

Mr. Tennant announced today there had been fourteen executions, although the previous figure was twelve. He asked what people were to believe, and added that it was no wonder many viewed the matter with gravest concern lest another execution had been held back from the premier and might be brought to light later.

Mr. Dillon said he drafted his resolution in order to confine the discussion to the narrow but important issue of military executions, and the continuance of martial law. He complained that Premier Asquith was kept in the dark by the military authorities as to what was going on. He did not hold Gen. Maxwell, the British commander, and the other military authorities responsible for the execution of F. Sheehy Skeffington, but pointed out that Mr. Skeffington was shot on April 26 and the military authorities, responsible for it until May 6.

"How could any one blame the people of Dublin for believing dozens of others have been shot secretly in barracks?" he asked. "Horrible rumors are current in Dublin and they are embittering the people."

Directors of the Parker Cotton Mill Merger have sold the Hampton group of mills, with a total of 275,000 spindles, to Lockwood, Green & Co., of Boston. The purchase price was \$2,900,000.

TIGERS IN GEORGIA.

Farm Wagons With False Bottoms Club Counters With Big Tops.

Atlanta, May 14.—Activities of officers to rigidly enforce Georgia's prohibition law that went into effect May 1 have disclosed some unique methods of "blind tigers" to evade the law. An inconspicuous farm wagon, driven on the streets of Atlanta, was equipped with a false bottom filled with pint bottles of liquor, a counter in a "social" club has a false top full of bottles, and by following a series of trap doors discovered under a house in the outskirts of the city officers found a large quantity of liquor stored in a cave that had once been used for illicit distilling. The "blockaders" had used the chimney of the house to carry off the smoke. Getting rid of the smoke is one of the "blockaders" most perplexing problems.

A general raid at 7:30 o'clock in the morning at Savannah participated in practically by every member of the police force resulted in confiscation of so much liquor that nearly every day in the city was employed to haul it to the police station. More than 100 arrests were made. No private homes, where a family might have provided against the anti-shiping feature by laying in a little more than the prescribed two quarts of liquor, gallon of wine or forty-eight pints of beer, were entered. Atlanta officials have stated that they would investigate homes where it was believed more than the law allows is stored, but no such action has been taken. The fact that large quantities of intoxicants were shipped into the State just prior to May 1, has been established beyond doubt.

It has been admitted by officials that in at least three important cities of the State and in some communities not so thickly populated, the former prohibition law was not rigidly enforced. That the law allowed the sale of beer but not liquor.

Reports from every section of the State, however, show that the new law is being lived up to with the exception of the comparatively few "blind tigers." Persons for and against prohibition point to the spectacular and far-reaching Savannah raid as evidence of this.

Liquor confiscated in the first thirteen days of May has run into the tens of thousands of gallons. The sheriff of Coffee county seized a portion of two carloads in the possession of the Ocilla, Pine Bloom and Valdosta railroad, and out of that act has grown the first case attacking the law. The railroad was transporting the liquor during the latter part of April and had it on a side track at Ocilla May 1. After part of the liquor was seized Federal Judge Emery Speer granted a temporary injunction restraining the officers from taking the remainder. Men guarding the cars were shot at the first night after the injunction was issued. A few ineffectual shots were fired. No one was hurt.

Another case in which interpretation of the law is involved is in the Atlanta courts. A railroad refused to deliver to a soft drink manufacturing company two barrels of pure alcohol, which is used in dissolving certain ingredients which go into the beverage. The company is suing in the Fulton county superior court for possession of the alcohol, delivery of which the railroad claims, would be in violation of the prohibition law. Fines for violation of the law already have amounted to more than \$3,000 in the local police court.

Orders to destroy liquor was carried to the limit by an Atlanta policeman Friday. A negro dropped a quart bottle of whiskey at the most prominent corner in the city. The officer lighted the puddle that the spilled beverage made and burned it. In his report to headquarters he said two hundred persons were attracted to the scene.

Disastrous Fire at Whitmire.

Whitmire, May 12.—The worst fire in the history of Whitmire started this morning at 5 o'clock and by 8 o'clock almost all of the business section was in flames. By the heroic work of the squad in charge of what hose was available the fire was checked at Main street and the hotel and two new buildings, occupied by the Whitmire Supply company and the Bank of Whitmire, respectively, were saved. Some of those who lost heavily were P. B. Odell, Z. H. Suber, J. G. Setzler, W. H. Rasor, Miller Brothers, C. H. Cooper company, David Duncan, P. B. Hilton, J. M. Major and the Glenn-Lowry Manufacturing company. The fire originated in the rear of Odell's livery stable in a mysterious manner.